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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON: CONTACT WITH
ZAIRE DEL

REF: KINSHASA 3051

1. REFTEL REPORT OF ZAIRE POSITION IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH POSITION TAKEN BY ZOLA (HEAD OF ZAIRE DELEGATION) IN CONVERSATION LATE APRIL 11 WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON. ZOLA NOTED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BISENGIMANA AND SAID LATTER WOULD BE CALLING IN OUR AMBASSADOR. ZOLA VOICED WILLINGNESS TO HELP WORK OUT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE SO LONG AS ZAIRE'S OWN DESIRE TO SEE COPPER AND TWO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (HE MENTIONED COFFEE, COTTON, COCOA AND SUGAR AS POSSIBILITIES) LISTED SPECIFICALLY FOR DISCUSSION. ACCORDING TO ZOLA, ALL THE OPEC/LDC PARTICIPANTS AT PREPCON, EXCEPT ALGERIA, WERE AGREEABLE TO SUCH PROPOSAL RE SPECIFIC RAW MATERIALS AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT ALGERIA WOULD ALSO GO ALONG. ROBINSON SAID HE APPRECIATED ZAIRE READINESS TO PROCEED TOWARD ENERGY CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED SOME GENERAL SYMPATHY FOR ZAIRE'S OWN
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PARTICULAR PROBLEMS BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT WITH REGARD

TO COPPER OR SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR AGENDA.

2. AS IT HAS TURNED OUT TO THIS POINT, QUESTION OF SPECIFICITY ON RAW MATERIALS HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN UP BECAUSE OF INABILITY REACH AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND OPEC/LDC GROUP AT PREPCON ON MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE AS TO NATURE OF CONFERENCE. FORMER HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING THAT THE CONFERENCE IS TO DEAL FUNDAMENTALLY WITH ENERGY AND ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INVITATIONS SENT OUT BY FRENCH PRESIDENT. LATTER, ON OTHER HAND, HAVE BEEN INSISTING, APPARENTLY UNDER PARTICULAR PRESSURE FROM ALGERIA, THAT ENERGY IS TO BE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SUBJECTS AT CONFERENCE, WITH MATTERS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT TO BE GIVEN AT LEAST EQUAL BILLING.

3. ON APPROPRIATE OCCASION YOU COULD TELL BISENGIMANA THAT WE HAVE APPRECIATED OUR FRIENDLY CONTACT HERE WITH ZOLA.
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